

I write to oppose the use of public airwaves by Sinclair Broadcast Group for the airing of partisan political advertisements days before the election. Their actions are contrary to the public interest, and a violation of the public trust.

Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Consolidation has left fewer and fewer companies running what comes into our homes, and has made it easier to slip in advertisements in the guise of 'news.' When this happens, and especially when it has been exposed (as it has in this case), the FCC *must* stand up to defend the right of citizens to honest journalism. We do not need more partisan ugliness - we need more bipartisanship and community building. Sinclair's actions are contrary to these important goals.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process must be an active review of each organization's accomplishments and failures with regard to these goals.